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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 4328

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TAGS: PFOR, CG, AO, KE

SUBJECT: KENYA POSITION ON ZAIRE

REF: (A) STATE 66446, (B) NAIROBI 3925 (NOTAL)

1. CHIEF OF MFA AFRICA DIVISION, ADALA, ASKED POL COUNSELOR TO CALL ON HIM APRIL 5 IN FOLLOW-UP TO DEMARCHE REPORTED REF B. ADALA SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN WAIYAKI THE U.S. SUGGESTION THAT SOME FORM OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE-ANGOLA MEDIATION WOULD BE USEFUL. ALTHOUGH KENYA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THREAT TO ZAIRE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY BY FORCES FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, KENYA FELT TOO LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT SITUATION TO PERMIT PUBLIC STATEMENT.

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2. ADALA EMPHASIZED KENYA'S GROWING CONCERN ABOUT CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, CITING ZAIRE SITUATION AS ONE EXAMPLE AND APRIL 5 NEWS REPORT OF PROJECTED CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN LIBYA AS ANOTHER. IN EACH CASE, CUBANS APPEARED TO BE SUPPORTING LOCAL CONFLICT BY ONE AFRICAN COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER (EGYPT BEING THE TARGET OF LIBYA).

3. ADALA NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT WHEN FONMIN WAIYAKI RECEIVED ZAIRE ROVING AMBASSADOR LENGEMA ON APRIL 1. LENGEMA HAD NOT ASKED KENYA TO TAKE ANY PUBLIC STANCE ON SHABA PROVINCE PROBLEM. HE HAD BROUGHT (SEALED) MESSAGE FROM MOBUTU TO KENYATTA, WHICH WAIYAKI ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH LENGEMA PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE SEEN TEXT OF MESSAGE, HE SAID MOBUTU HAD TOLD HIM ORALLY THAT IT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL MESSAGES TO AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE INTENTION TO RAISE SHABA INVASION AT JULY OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE. (IT IS POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT MESSAGE CONTAINED ITEMS OF MORE IMMEDIATE APPLICABILITY, BUT ADALA HAD NOT SEEN TEXT). ADALA THOUGHT KENYA WOULD BE WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD OAU DISCUSSION, POSSIBLY IN CONTEXT OF AGENDA ITEM ON CONVENTION AGAINST MERCENARIES, WHICH IRONICALLY HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY ANGOLA. MARSHALL

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